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CALIFORNIA LEGISLATURE—2001–02 REGULAR SESSION

ASSEMBLY BILL

No. 410

Introduced by Assembly Member Salinas

February 20, 2001

An act to amend Sections 15399.45, 15399.46, and 15399.48 of the Government Code, relating to rural programs.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

AB 410, as amended, Salinas. Rural programs.

Existing law establishes the California Rural Policy Task Force within the Office of Planning and Research in the Governor's office, specifies its composition, prescribes its duties, and requires each agency or department represented on the task force to develop a designated plan. Existing law also establishes the Rural California Technical Assistance Program in the Trade and Commerce Agency. Existing law repeals these provisions as of January 1, 2003.

This bill would extend the repeal date of these provisions to January 1, 2007.

The bill would revise the composition and duties of the California Rural Policy Task Force, and would require ~~each agency or department represented on~~ the task force to develop, on or before ~~December 1, 2003 June 1, 2004~~, a strategic plan as prescribed.

Vote: majority. Appropriation: no. Fiscal committee: yes. State-mandated local program: no.

The people of the State of California do enact as follows:

- 1 SECTION 1. Section 15399.45 of the Government Code is
- 2 amended to read:
- 3 15399.45. (a) The California Rural Policy Task Force is
- 4 hereby established within the Office of Planning and Research in
- 5 the Governor's office, to be composed of the following state
- 6 officers, or their representatives:
- 7 (1) The Secretary of the California Health and Human Services
- 8 Agency.
- 9 (2) The Secretary of the Resources Agency.
- 10 (3) The Secretary of the Technology, Trade, and Commerce
- 11 Agency.
- 12 (4) The Secretary of the Department of Veterans Affairs.
- 13 (5) The Secretary of the Business, Transportation and Housing
- 14 Agency.
- 15 (6) The Secretary for Environmental Protection.
- 16 (7) The Secretary for Education.
- 17 (8) The Secretary of the Youth and Adult Correctional Agency.
- 18 (9) The Director of Housing and Community Development.
- 19 (10) The Director of the Department of Transportation.
- 20 (11) The Secretary of the Department of Food and Agriculture.
- 21 (12) The Lieutenant Governor.
- 22 (13) The Director of the California Rural Policy Task Force.
- 23 (14) The Executive Director of the Native American Heritage
- 24 Commission.
- 25 (15) The State Historic Preservation Officer.
- 26 (b) The agencies and departments represented on the task force
- 27 shall provide, from existing resources, staff for the work of the task
- 28 force as necessary.
- 29 (c) The task force shall oversee the mobilization and effective
- 30 delivery of the state's resources to rural California. ~~The task force~~
- 31 ~~shall establish both ad hoc and standing advisory committees,~~

1 ~~which shall include representatives of cities and counties~~
2 ~~representing a range of rural populations from various geographic~~
3 ~~regions of the state, and shall hold public hearings in rural areas in~~
4 ~~various geographic regions for these purposes.~~

5 (d) The task force shall act as an internal policy advisory board
6 to the Governor on issues related to rural areas. The task force shall
7 be responsible for assisting the Governor, as the Governor deems
8 appropriate, in reviewing, analyzing, developing, and facilitating
9 the implementation of policies, programs, services, and legislation
10 related to rural communities.

11 (e) In addition to its other duties, the task force shall work
12 closely with the Rural Development Council to ensure that
13 recommendations of the council are reviewed and acted upon as
14 determined appropriate by the task force.

15 (f) ~~All members~~ *Members* of the task force shall individually
16 and collectively hold meetings, conferences, and other types of
17 events to provide rural areas with an opportunity to voice issues
18 and concerns regarding program and service delivery in rural
19 areas.

20 (g) The task force shall report annually to the Governor and the
21 Legislature on its efforts in implementing this section.

22 SEC. 2. Section 15399.46 of the Government Code is
23 amended to read:

24 ~~15399.46. (a) Each agency or department represented on the~~
25 ~~task force shall develop by December 1, 2003, a~~

26 *15399.46. (a) The task force shall develop by June 1, 2004,*
27 *a strategic plan for improving program and service delivery to*
28 *rural areas that includes an analysis of how statewide and rural*
29 *focused programs, services, and resources are being made*
30 *available to rural areas.*

31 (b) ~~Each plan~~ *The plan shall include individual components*
32 *from each of the agencies and departments represented on the task*
33 *force. Each individual component shall do all of the following:*

34 (1) Identify rural program and service delivery regions
35 consistent with the organization and administration of the agency
36 or department.

37 (2) Identify the economic and community development
38 problems and opportunities facing communities in each rural
39 program and service delivery area serviced by the agency or
40 department.

1 ~~(3) Identify~~

2 *(c) In addition to the individual components, the plan shall*
3 *identify* programs and services that could be used singularly or in
4 combination with other state, federal, local, and private resources
5 to meet the economic and community needs ~~identified in~~
6 ~~paragraph (2).~~

7 ~~(4) Provide a four-year plan of action identified in paragraph~~
8 ~~(2) of subdivision (b). The plan shall also provide a four-year plan~~
9 ~~of action that will~~ to coordinate the activities of the programs and
10 services identified in paragraph (3) in such a manner as to assist
11 rural communities in meeting their economic and community
12 development needs. The plan of action shall include the
13 identification of local and federal agencies that may assist the
14 agency or department in effectively serving rural areas and other
15 specific annual actions that the agency or department will take to
16 further the purposes of this chapter.

17 ~~(e)–~~

18 *(d)* The task force shall disseminate preliminary plans for
19 public comment and, to the fullest extent possible, hold public
20 hearings in rural communities and solicit comments from all
21 affected cities and counties, and organizations whose purpose is
22 economic and community development, to assist the agencies and
23 departments in finalizing their plans.

24 ~~(d)–~~

25 *(e)* The relevant annual actions identified in the four-year plan
26 of action required under paragraph (4) of subdivision (b) shall be
27 incorporated within the annual work plan of each agency and
28 department represented on the task force.

29 ~~(e)–~~

30 *(f)* (1) Each agency and department represented on the task
31 force shall prepare on or before October 1 of each year a list, by
32 city and county, of where program dollars were expended in the
33 prior fiscal year for rural program and service delivery.

34 (2) Paragraph (1) shall not apply to program dollars allocated
35 pursuant to federal funding formulas or exclusively by federal
36 funding criteria.

37 SEC. 3. Section 15399.48 of the Government Code is
38 amended to read:

39 15399.48. This chapter shall remain in effect only until
40 January 1, 2007, and as of that date is repealed, unless a later

- 1 enacted statute that is enacted before January 1, 2007, deletes or
- 2 extends that date.

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